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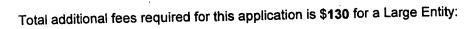
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
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FORM PTO-1390 (REV 10-94) ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: U.S. Dept. of Commerce and Patent and Trademark Office TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES H01.2-10436 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known): INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/EP00/09118 (14.09.00): 14 September 2000 (dd/mm/yy): 14 September 1999 (14.09.99) TITLE OF INVENTION: **FIXATION SYSTEM FOR BONES** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Dietmar Wolter; Uwe Schumann, Klaus Seide Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 1. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority 4. date. 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International bureau). \boxtimes has been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States receiving Office (RO/US). A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). 7. \Box Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). \boxtimes b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 9. 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.29 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. Please enter the amendment before fee calculation. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. A substitute specification. Ø 15. A power of attorney and/or address letter. Other items or information: Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements; Correspondenc Address document, 16. Constructive Petition

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